PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS
Dear families and community, we have seventeen days left in our school calendar. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm our staff and students display daily in regards to their teaching and learning experiences. Our students are successful learners and that is due to the active partnership we hold with our parents/carers. Thank you for your support to ensure every child is at school each day and succeeding.

Over the course of the last two weeks, we have had the opportunity to highlight our students art work, instrumental music talents, acknowledge our Volunteers and Grandparents. Thank you to everyone who attended the Art in the Dark and the Music evening, it was a fabulous opportunity to celebrate our students work and achievements. A special thank you to the staff of Withcott State School, who commit their time and enthusiasm to ensure these events are so successful.

To all of our Volunteers, we thank you for your tireless and selfless commitment to your children and your school. We sincerely appreciate your humbleness and dedication to support our teachers in delivering quality opportunities for our students. We value all that you do!!!

Grandparents Day is a chance for our students and community to thank our grandparents for their love and support. We held our special day today, providing us as a school community the chance to acknowledge the efforts and devotion of our grandparents in their many roles of caring and supporting their grandchildren. Thank you!!!

We wish to advise that there has more cases of headlice in our school community. Please check your child’s head for headlice and if you suspect your child may have headlice, please treat as per Queensland Health Factsheet (attached). Please refer to the Qld headlice in our school community. Please check your child’s head for headlice and if you suspect your child may have headlice, please ensure you notify the Office.

We wish to advise that there may be and meet the teacher. Students are also invited to bring in all their books and class requisites. This will assist in a smooth start on the first day of school. If your child will be returning, but may not be returning until after-holiday season to school, students are not physically present on that day, and for whom there is no written confirmation of their return, will not be able to be included in our enrolment. Day 8 numbers must be moving to for 2017. Students who are not physically present on that day, and for whom there is no written confirmation of their return, will not be able to be included in our enrolment numbers. This can have significant impact on our staff and class numbers.

Also, if your child will not be returning, it would be appreciated if you could advise what school they will be moving to for 2017. If your child will be returning to Withcott State School next year and will be returning on time, there is no need for you to do anything. Your child’s enrolment will continue as normal, and they will be included in class allocations.

END OF YEAR CONCERT
THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER
IN THE
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
BBQ 5-6pm (Tuckshop)
CONCERT 6.30pm
(Drinks & treats at intermission)
Parents/carers, family and friends are invited to our annual concert.
Free Entry

WITCOTT STATE SCHOOL
P&C UNIFORM SHOP
PREP OPEN SESSION &
SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPEN HOURS
Friday 18 November 2016 11am-12noon
Saturday 14 January 2017 9.00-11.00am
Friday 20 January 2017 2.00-3.00pm
For appointments or enquiries, please contact Sonia 0459 923 445.

WITSAGT STATE SCHOOL
ACKNOWLEDGES:
Our Wonderful Volunteers and Grandparents
for your on-going support to Withcott State School.
Thank you for your valued contribution!

LOADS OF LOVE APPEAL
Please help by bringing in a donation of a non-perishable food item (Please ensure the use by or best before date is at least February 2017) or toiletry item and place in the hamper outside the 4/5C classroom.

2016 SWIMMING STARTS
MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER

ALL STUDENTS must wear a swimming cap and goggles.

SWIMMING LESSONS 21 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER
Swimming lessons at the Toowoomba Grammar School Aquatic Centre commence next week. Classes will attend as follows:

GROUP 1 – Year 5/6, 4/5C Leave school at 9.35am, return 11:25am
GROUP 2— Year 3/4A, 2/3P Leave school at 10.30am, return 12:25 pm
GROUP 3— Year 1/2H, 1/2S Leave school at 11.30am, return 1:25pm
GROUP 4 - Year PL Leave school 12.30pm, return 2:10pm

As Group 1 leaves school at 9.35am, it is requested that these children arrive at school already in their togs with their uniform over the top. Students should wear thongs (or similar rubber slip on) for travel to and from the pool. Students are to take minimal gear; leave socks and shoes at school. Students not swimming will be supervised at school. A one-piece swimming costume is preferred for girls (no bikinis) and all students must wear a swimming cap and goggles.

2017 ARRANGEMENTS
School resumes on Monday 23 January, 2017. We will be posting class locations and lists on a board in the undercover area on Friday 20 January at 2:00 pm. Families are welcome to come to the school between 2:00 and 3:00 pm to see where their child’s class will be and meet the teacher. Students are also invited to bring in all their books and class requisites. This will assist in a smooth start on the first day of school.

If your child will be returning, but may not be returning until after 23 January 2017, it would be appreciated if you could contact the school office to complete a form, advising their expected date of return. This information is required in writing to ensure we can include your child in our “Day 8” numbers.

Day 8 numbers are provided to the Department on the eighth day of the new school year. Students who are not physically present on that day, and for whom there is no written confirmation of their return, will not be able to be included in our enrolment numbers. This can have significant impact on our staff and class numbers.

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BOOKLISTS 2017

Booklists will be distributed during the next week. All requisites can be ordered from Browns Office Choice (online ordering or in-person) from 21/11/16.

Other Important Dates:
- 15/12/16 Orders close
- 28/12/16 Orders can be collected

Ordering Online (can be paid online or at pickup)
- 1. www.brownstationery.com.au
- 2. Select Tab - school booklists
- 3. Choose level - Primary
- 4. Choose school - Withcott State School
- 5. Choose year level

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21/11/16 Place Orders
15/12/16 Orders close
28/12/16 Orders can be collected from this date.

SWIMMING TRIALS - STUDENTS BORN 2005-2008

Trials for the 2017 Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival will be held during swimming lessons. If your child is not attending swimming lessons and you would like them to be considered for the 2017 Carnival, please contact the school to discuss alternative arrangements.

QUAD BIKE SAFETY RESOURCES

Resources are available from the school office.

SILICON SWIM CAPS

with school emblem $10

and SWIM BAGS $8

are now available at the Uniform Shop and the school office.

LAMINATING

Laminating takes place on the first Friday afternoon of each month and will be ready for collection the following day.

Next Laminating Date: Friday, 2 December 2016.

Prices: A4 - $1.50, A3 - $2.50, Posters - $5 a metre. Drop items into the office at any time!!

P&C NEWS

Our next general P&C Meeting will be held at 6pm Tuesday 29 November in the Reflection Room. This will be a “Special” Meeting. All welcome!

Please contact the P&C via email withcottpandc@gmail.com.

Liz Todd – Communications Officer

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UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop opens each Wednesday morning 8.15am - 9.30am.

Second-hand uniforms

A noticeboard in the uniform shop advertises second-hand school uniforms. Families are also welcome to advertise school uniform items for sale on the school facebook page. Please send a message via facebook page for your add to be posted. Second-hand uniforms are also gratefully accepted on a donation basis.

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Uniform Shop open for next Prep Transition Day 18 Nov from 11am-12noon.

Sonia DeBortoli

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COMMONWEALTH BANK

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Banking reward orders close on 5 December, for 2016 delivery. Be sure to send in your slip with your bankbook and if you are eligible for a reward. Please note that stocks are running low, so number your choices 1-3. If you have any questions regarding school banking, please email withcottschoolbanking@gmail.com.

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- 18,25 Nov You Choose Y6 Program
- 18 Nov Prep 2017 Transition Day 9-11am
- 21 Nov-2 Dec Prep - Year 6 Swimming Program
- 28 Nov Seniors’ Farewell Dinner
- 29 Nov “Special” P&C Meeting 6pm - Reflection Rm
- 30 Nov Outside School Care Meeting 6pm
- 8 Dec End of Year Concert
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2017 - TERM 1
- 20 Jan 2-3pm Drop off books, meet teacher
- 23 Jan School Resumes
- 26 Jan Australia Day Holiday
- 31 March Final Day Term 1

2017 - TERM 2
- 18 April School Resumes

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PAYMENTS/ PERMISSIONS DUE

- 16 Nov Seniors’ Farewell Dinner payments
- 22 Nov Instrumental Music Progr. Expression of Interest
- 25 Nov Prep Christmas Collection $12.00

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